

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2007  
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answered roll call. Councilman Sheehan arrived later in the meeting. Councilman Fields was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

**MINUTES \* \* \* \***

Minutes of the June 19, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Updated Council on the discussion concerning storage of rail cars for the ethanol facility within the City. Storage for the railcars has been changed and will be North of 200N. This is away from any populated area. CSX feels this will diminish the risk factor.
- Thanked all those who assisted in last Saturday's concert.
- Was asked for the City Council to rezone an area of the 1400 block of S Baker Street in Waits Addition to R-2. The area is presently R-1. The only difference is the required lot size to build the homes. R-1 requires 21,780 sq ft lot and R-2 requires 13,000 sq ft lot. The city presently has no area that is designated as R-2, and I feel this could be an area we consider this designation.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Copley presented annexation claims for Council's approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Pavey said that the fiber bids will be opened on Friday, July 6.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \* \***

**Police** – Fudge reported that the Board of Works hired Adam Buckley as the new communication officer.

Fudge also said that the new seatbelt law is now in affect. He said the city police are not citing anyone right now. He said their intention for the 1<sup>st</sup> 30 days was to give a warning.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \* \***

Pavey said that Joe Rathz had complaints on the 4X8 fireworks signs. Harmon was looking into the matter and found that Bill Todd had issued a temporary permit.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Handbook Policy** – There were a few minor changes, which were mostly grammatical. However, Council did agree to delete the paragraph regarding the use of cell phones in city vehicles. Pavey made a motion to approve the handbook policy with the list of changes and contingent on the approval of the City Utilities. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Wage Study** – Pavey requested to get a number of how many employees for each individual position. Bridges said he would provide that information.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Senior Citizens Center** – Wanda Henderson came before Council to request an increase in the annual donation from the City. She said that all the money goes back into the community. Henderson said that public transportation will soon be available. She said last year they provided 15,600 meals last year. Henderson asked for an increase from the City of \$8,000.00.

**Household Hazardous Waste** – Carol Yend and Steven Boggs gave a presentation on household hazardous waste.

*Sheehan arrived.*

Yend said they are applying for a grant for a site in Rushville. They would like to see a joint resolution with the County for a facility. She said they would like the City to provide the site and the attendant and the County would provide the removal of materials, training and the hazardous waste building.

**Resolution 2007-10 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-10. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims** – McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Hill said the transportation unit is ready and will set up a date for installation.

Fudge said Ford will not help out on the transmission since it is 4000 miles over the warranty. He also said Ford is increasing the price of their cars. He is checking into a lease program with Chrysler.

There was no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER